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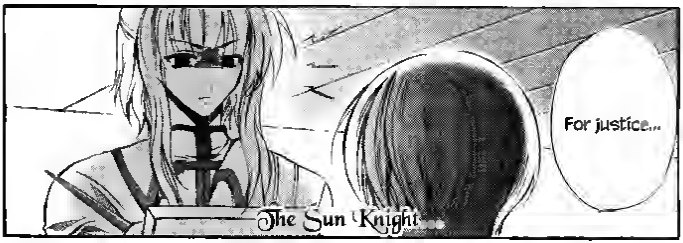
Why do you want to be the Sun Knight?
To uphold justice, of course!
Sun Knight Application Interview in Progress

For justice!
The Sun Knight is the greatest occupation there is!
Sun Knight Application Interview in Progress


For justice...
The Sun Knight...

Smack
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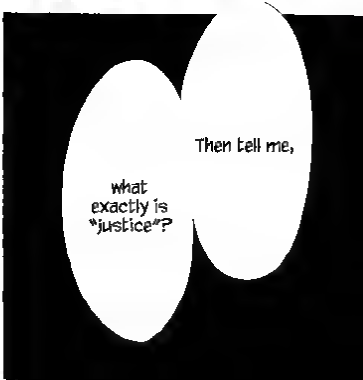
Then tell me,
what exactly is "justice"?

Oh! Here he is.
Come in...
Tell me, why do you want to be the Sun Knight?
He might be...
Roland...
I want to subjugate all sinners to punishment!

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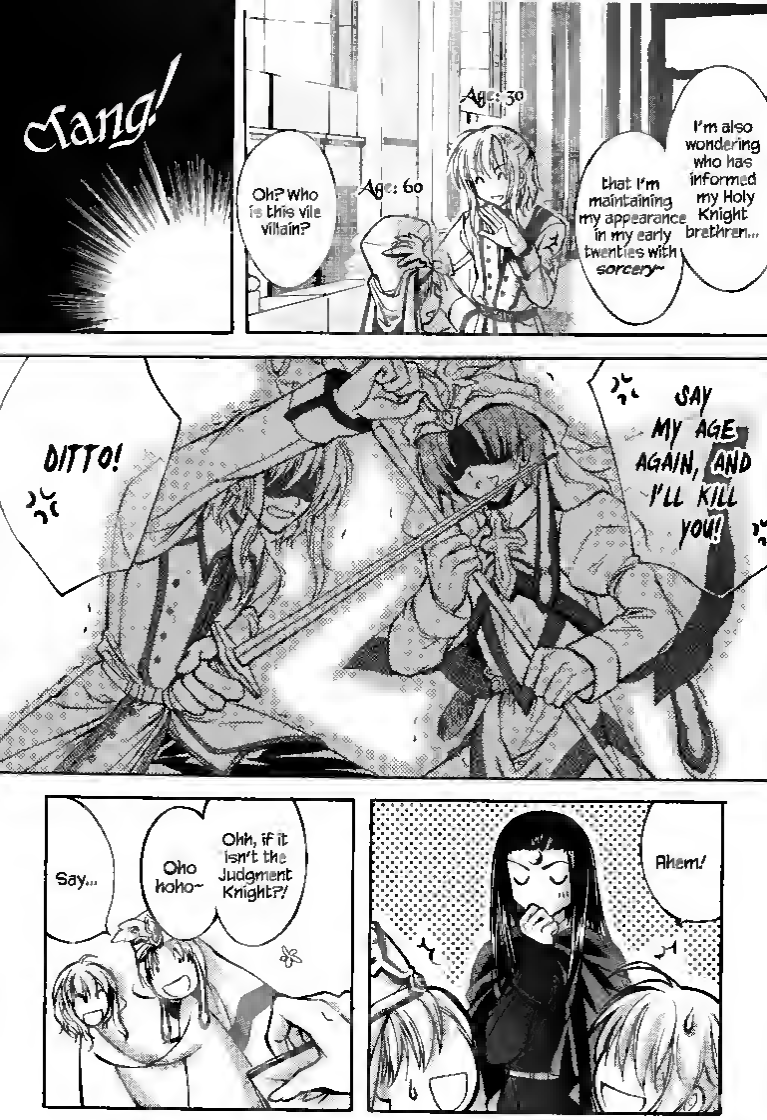
...that this child would give me a different answer...
The interviews are over for today. Go and send the children out there away.
Eh? But Grisia hasn't been summoned yet...
Send them all away...
!?
SIR, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I had hoped...
Don't worry. I just have a bit of a headache.

"Why do you want to be the Sun Knight?"
But...
Hasn't the Judgment Knight asked you the same thing, Lesus?
Yeah, I was asked that during the interview.
I was skipped...
Depressed
He didn't ask me...
He didn't ask me....
Is Grisia really all right?

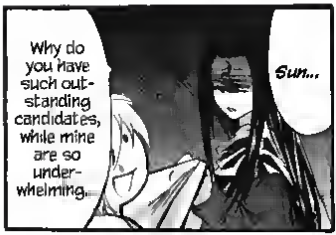
To uphold justice, of course!
What was your answer?
What a freak...
I want to be the Sun Knight...!
I would give my life to punish sinners!
Gloomy
Grisia! Lesus!
Actually, he didn't ask me either...
HAHAHAHA! SO WE'LL BE DIS-QUALIFIED TOGETHER!
How about you? How did you answer when the Judgment Knight asked you?

HEY! PAY UP QUICK!
AREN'T THOSE THE OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE JUDGMENT KNIGHT?
LOOK!
I'm going to be the next Judgment Knight! You'll pay for crossing me!
Hahahaha
?
Indeed!
Jesus... I daresay you'll definitely become the Judgment Knight!

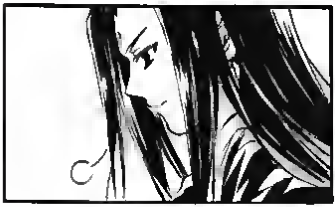
Sun!
BECAUSE THESE...
...ARE A BUNCH OF HUMAN SCUM!
Ahh! If it isn't our most adorable His Grace the Pope!
ENOUGH!
DID I ANNOY YOU OR SOMETHING?! WHY DID YOU SPREAD MY REAL AGE AROUND?!


Clang!
Age: 30
Age: 60
I'm also wondering who has informed my Holy Knight brethren...
that I'm maintaining my appearance in my early twenties with sorcery~
Oh? Who is this vile villain?
SAY MY AGE AGAIN, AND I'LL KILL YOU!
DITTO!
Ahem!
Ohh, if it isn't the Judgment Knight?!
Oho hoho~
Say...

You two are still frolicking around while I'm seriously troubling over my successor candidates...?
List of Sun Knight Candidates
List of Judgment Knight Candidates
Wow!
This is indeed...


Why do you have such outstanding candidates, while mine are so underwhelming.
Sun...

HAHAH AHAHA HAHA HA
YOUR CANDIDATES ARE SERIOUSLY A BUNCH OF HOOLIGANS!

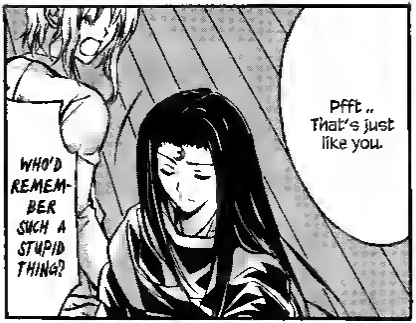


...is Lesus.
The only oddity among them...

What about you, Sun? Who will you choose?
...I don't know.
Lesus? Isn't he a good choice?

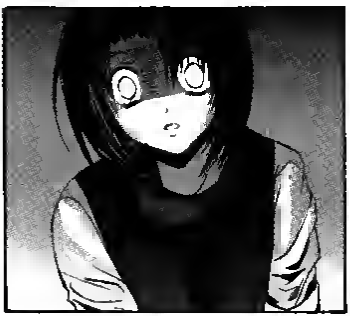
That child is incredibly skilled with a sword, and is quite a decent person.
Roland, obviously. Isn't that right?
He is quite talented, indeed...
But I'm not good at dealing with that type...
Grisia!
The interviews are over for today. Go and send the children out there away
Eh? But Grisia hasn't been summoned yet...
Tsk. Don't I have any other choices?

Shit. I forgot to ask him that day...
Grisia?
Isn't his sword-smanship atro-cious?
Yeah, but I forgot about him on the day of the inter-views.
He must have been devastated.
YOU DON'T WANT HIMO PERFECT, GIVE HIM TO ME. HIS DIVINE MAGIC IS AMA-ZING SO I'M GOING TO DRAG HIM OVER TO THE LIGHT TEMPLE RIGHT NOW.
Hands off
I don't recall him ever apply-ing to be a priest.
Interviews... Asking why they'd like to be knights? How nostalgic.
Go for it! Beg me!


WHO'D REMEMBER SUCH A STUPID THING?
Pfft.. That's just like you.

Sun, why did you want to be the Sun Knight back then?
Huh? I forgot

My father was a drunkard..



Until one day...
Whenever he came home drunk, he'd always beat up his family.

He accidentally beat my mother and little sister to death,
and even pushed their bodies into the river, faking their murders as drowning.
Back then, I was just a child, powerless to exact revenge.
That's why I took part in the Judgment Knight selection,
And had my teacher..
pass judgment on my father...

STOP BEATING HIM! LET THEM GO!
STOP IT, ROLAND!
Yeah, I'm fine.
Grisia, are you all right?
Lesus has great swordsmanship and a decent character.
For such a nice child to volunteer as the thankless Judgment Knight...
.....

I'm afraid it's probably because there's someone he absolutely hates...

I should've let Roland punch them a few more times before leaving!
Those jerks didn't hold back at all.
Damn it...
ACK!!
Been beating people up?

...Been beaten up by people.
....
But it's fine.
Roland avenged me!
What a loser!
Fight your own fights!

How did that well-behaved kid end up being dragged into this mess ...?
Jesus?
Then kicked like this...
If I hadn't blocked a punch aimed at Jesus just in time...
I contributed!
Why do you want to be the Sun Knight?
Whatever. Answer me...
Never judge a book by its cover, huh...

Do you have anyone you want to pass judgment on?
Jesus...
Someone you absolutely hate...
and want them tried for their crimes...?
A child like you wouldn't be here if it weren't for such a reason.
If you're only here to put someone on trial...

You don't have to become the Judgment Knight. I can still fulfill your wish.
So tell me, why do you want to be the Judgment Knight?
Because I want to stand in your place!
HUH?
YOU WANNA DIE SO BADLY, LIL' PUNK?!
Eleven knights always stand to your left and your right, don't they?
When you're among them, it's like you have eleven brothers. That must feel awesome!

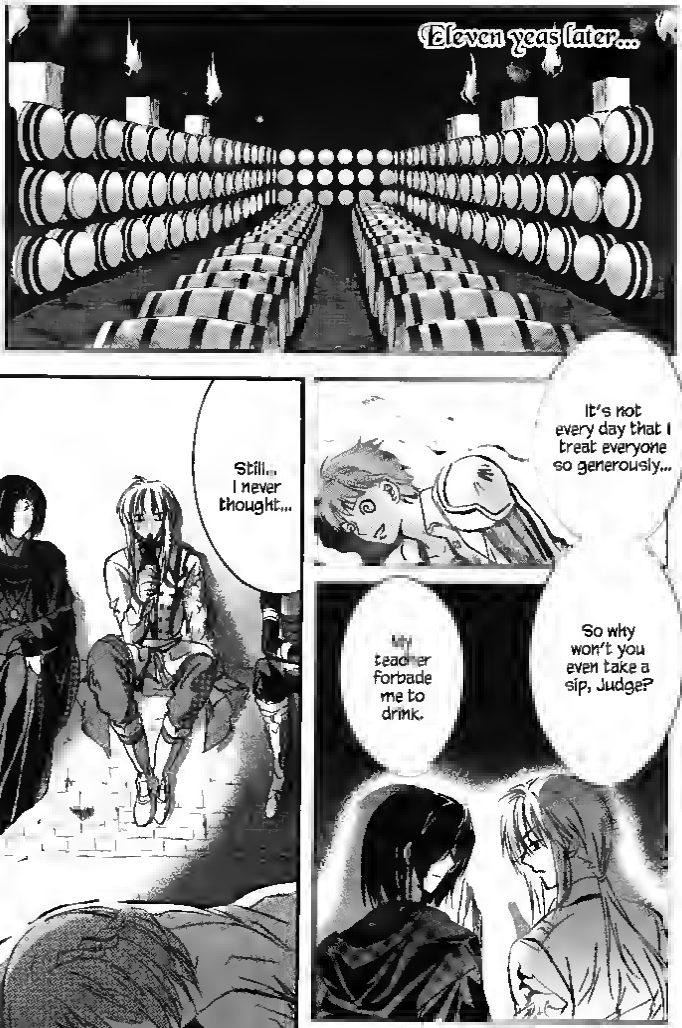
Silly boy...
Even if you become the Sun Knight, they won't be standing next to you.
The ones by your side... will be the next generation of Holy Knights.
Well then,
Answer my second question...

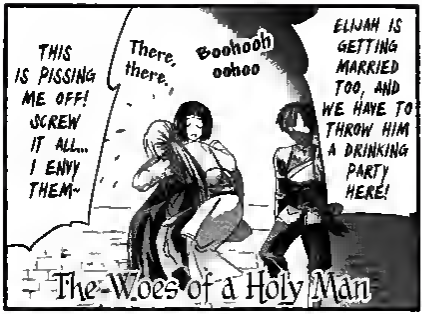
...I didn't come to put anyone on trial.
I only want to be the Judgment Knight because I wish...
...that all sinners will never have the chance to sin again.
Wouldn't that...

...be a much happier ending?
I was thoroughly beaten...

To think the mighty Judgment Knight would ever utter such flustered words?
How surprising!
.....
I envy you.
I hope I haven't pinned my hopes on the wrong boy.
Have you...?
Hmm... I need not have worried.
Jesus is more mature than I thought.
I suppose it's because his blond hair is too dazzling...

MY CHOICE FOR THE NEXT SUN KNIGHT IS... GRISIA!
Commotion
That must be a joke
Commotion
No way!


Eleven years later...
Still... I never thought...
It's not every day that I treat everyone so generously...
So why won't you even take a sip, Judge?
My teacher forbade me to drink.


THIS IS PISSING ME OFF! SCREW IT ALL... I ENVY THEM~
There, there.
Boohooh oohoo
ELIJAH IS GETTING MARRIED TOO, AND WE HAVE TO THROW HIM A DRINKING PARTY HERE!
The Woes of a Holy Man

THAT EVEN LEAF WOULD MANAGE TO GET A GIRL-FRIEND!
My Princess~

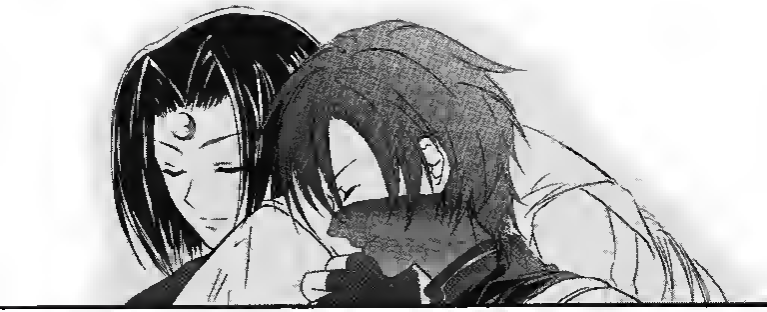
Sun... I have always wanted to ask you something.

He's drunk, Ro... Heli.
Ha ha ha ha
WHO'D REMEMBER SOMETHING FROM SO LONG AGO?! I FORGOT!
I probably had a death wish!

Why did you want to be the Sun Knight?
Hic

What was your answer?
GRISIA!
What about... the second question?
Tell me...
Why did you lose to him...?
FOR WHAT WOULD YOU SACRIFICE YOUR LIFE?
Let's go.
Gloom
It's no use.— He's completely wasted.
You're back?
Eh? Teacher...

I would...
There would be big trouble if the Pope found the Holy Knights so drunk.
We should carry these guys back to their rooms.
Yeah.
I would sacrifice my life...
to protect my brothers!



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• THE ANSWER •

Hi everyone, I'm Yasha, illustrator of the LSK novel covers. It's such an honor to meet everyone like this (in a manhua). First of all, I have to thank the publisher for supporting this project, and Yu Wo for bringing LSK to you all in a different medium. This short manhua was adapted from a sidestory previously written by Yu Wo. Since novels and manhuas are different methods of expression, I made some changes with Yu Wo's approval, mostly to expand on certain bits that I want to display as an artist. Still, the plot is mostly identical to that of the original novel, so no worries. You will certainly have a different sort of fun while reading the original short stories in the future.

I'm not very experienced in adapting novel into manhua, so it felt a bit daunting at first, and it took more time than I expected. We should have more respect for those independent manhua artists doing serialized series. If all goes well, this project of short manhuas will continue. To be honest, I'm still really nervous even after the manhua is done. I have done my best, but I'm still afraid that it's not enough. I hope you all enjoy it though ^ ^ Next time, I'll try even harder to create better works that portray the readers' beloved knights. Please look forward to them. Thank you for reading up to this point. The next few pages are the character designs for this manhua...

These are the character designs I drew before creating the manhua. The creation process couldn't have continued without them.

● Grisia Sun (Age 12) ●

The close-up down there was my attempt to get a proper feel of what he's like. I drew his face first, to capture his air, before moving on to designing his clothes. For some reason, the first thing that came to mind when thinking about young Grisia was long hair. He seemed to be the kind of boy that "grows out his hair because it looks cool, but it feels hot so he ties it up after he grows up"... I also associated him with the leader of a gang of children...

● Lesus Judgment (Age 12) ●

The close-up up there was the first version of Lesus' character design. It resembles how he's like after he grows up. But it felt off when I was drawing the storyboards, so I changed him into how he is now – a cute little Judge (lol).

The first reason I gave him a ponytail is because I wanted to better differentiate the characters. Another reason is because Judge is more like someone who "didn't bother with haircuts so his hair grew out, tied it up since he found it troublesome, and simply cropped it short after he grew up".

When reading LSK, Judge has always given me the impression of a "taciturn but extremely nice man with the perspicacity to determine a person's true nature", so I tried my best to emphasize these traits in his childhood. Still, his friends often claim that "he has undergone puberty 18 times" (lol) since he has changed a lot, but that's only to be expected for someone who's undergone the education of the Judgment Knight (lol).

●Roland Hell (Age 12)●

When drawing Roland, I decided very early on that he wouldn't be too different from after he grows up, so his clothes are pretty similar to the ones worn by the adult Roland. In the novels, Roland seems like a stubborn person who always stays true to his beliefs and puts them into action (this impression is especially deep in the first volume). Stubborn people are more likely to think themselves into a blind alley and go to extremes. I guess that's why he turned into a Death Knight...

He also gives the impression of being a straight-A student (lol). Friends who have read my drafts all said he seemed much bigger than the other two kids. That's because Yasha thinks he's the kind that starts puberty early (since he lived a disciplined lifestyle and practised hard with his sword!). I felt very bad for his misfortunes in the first volume T_T, so I was really happy when he became the Hell Knight~

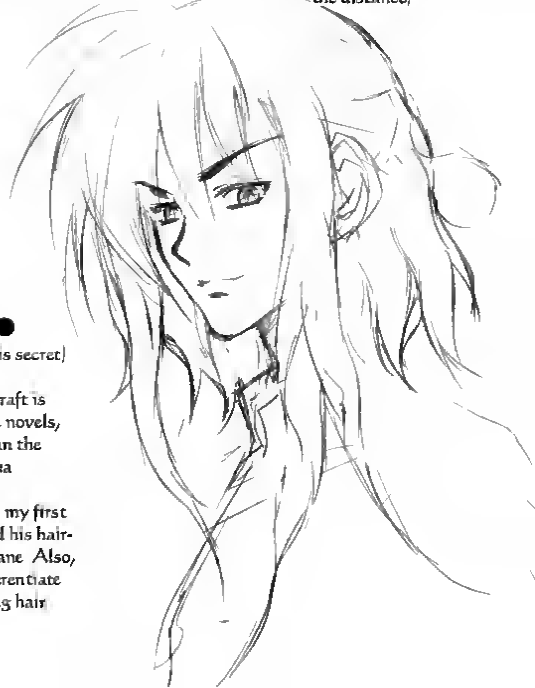
●Former Judgment Knight●

(Age ?)

Lesus' teacher. Since Lesus has short hair after becoming the Judgment Knight, I decided early on to give him long black hair to differentiate him from the incumbent Judge.

To make people aware that he's the Judgment Knight at first glance, other than the black hair and black clothes, I have also given him the moon-shaped mark also found on Lesus' forehead, which I have made into a trait shared by all Judgment Knights in history – to bear the Moon of Judgment.

From now on, the Judgment Knight is the Moon Knight that punishes you on behalf of the Moon. (looks into the distance)



●Neo Sun●

(Age: A man's age is his secret)

Sun's teacher. This draft is Neo in Volume 3 of the novels, so he looks older than the one in the manhua.

"A man like a lion" was my first inspiration, so I designed his hairstyle based on a lion's mane. Also, his short hair is to differentiate him from Grisia's long hair.

●The Pope●

(Supposedly aged 60)

His Grace the Pope who still hasn't retired at such an old age because he can't find a suitable successor (verified by the author)... He really has a hard time. Since he's the Pope, I made some complex designs on his clothes and staff, which I ended up regretting every time I had to draw that staff OTZ (it's just too complicated...)

Since the staff was inspired by the phoenix, I call it the "Staff of the Immortal Bird" in private, which pairs nicely with the Pope's immortal youth (lol).

● Pink (A woman's age is also her secret) ●

A doodle of Pink I found in my doujin collection. She's my favorite female character in LSK. A loli that embodies both terror and cuteness is Yasha's dope, so this artist squealed when Pink got reduced to ash in Volume 3....

"Child, go and preach the benevolence of the God of Light to him." What are you waiting for?"
(Remember to bring over a handkerchief, water and two stools.)
My, my~
.....

●Famous scene in LSK (?)●

The scene where Judge was just interrogating a convict in Volume 1 of the novels ... An attempt made after the character designs were done...

In Volume 3, the Rock Knight, gifted in diplomacy, was sent on a business trip with Frost by Judge.
While you're at it, remember to drag Sun back here.
After discussing with Captain Judgment Knight, I have decided to send you and Frost to settle the problem with Moon Orchid and the Church of War.
Yes, Your Grace.
Pffft
Then I'll go change into my official attire and set off for Moon Orchid with Frost immediately
This isn't very decent, is it?
What I'm wearing... But I'm not wearing much to cover my upper body?
No no no, this is perfect. Perfect!
Just go like this.
So just go in what you're wearing!
The Queen loves rugged... I mean, the Queen appreciates knights that don't doll themselves up.

Female officials in Moon Orchid.
NAKED MAN
Wow!
NAKED MAN
Wow!
NAKED MAN
And so, the perplexed Rock Knight set off on a rough journey to Moon Orchid with Frost, just like that.
As expected of the legendary Rock Knight... Please leave matters to the Frost Knight and me.
Teehee...
Your Majesty, about the mission to rescue Princess Alice and the Sun Knight...
Dammit... All these looks are making me squirm!
"...You take care..."
Frost signalling with his eyes.
"That stupid Pope's ideas are more often dastardly than not..."
Frost signalling with his eyes.
"Rock..."
Frost signalling with his eyes.
Eh?
Please allow my officials to take you to the bath.
Queen!

SHOW ME SOME RESPECT OR DON'T BEGRUDGE ME FOR HITTING WOMEN!!
I'm gonna call for people!
DON'T COME NEAR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
Eh eh eh eh eh eh eh???
STAY AWAY!!
Make sure you do your best later!
Her Majesty will be here soon.
and this robust body of his...
The taboo skin color almost as dark as the legendary dark elves...
It's exactly as Her Majesty says..
Wow <3
Wow <3
I'm just a bit tanned
The Rock Knight never dared to carry out diplomacy half-naked...
Rock, you're useless! I had to refund, thanks to you!
Why is he wrapping himself up like that...?
Since that incident,
Trauma
Women are terrifying
Save me, Frost! Save me, Sun! Save me, God of Light!
Whoa
Ahh

The Rock Knight escaped from Moon Orchid during the night.

~~The Rock Knight's Whoring in Moon Orchid~~

After drawing the character designs for the Twelve Holy Knights, Yasha reread Volume 3 one day, and suddenly realized.

So the Rock Knight is in charge of diplomacy...

But how can he do diplomacy dressed up like that ..? (looks into the distance)
Yu Wo: The Honey Trap!
Me: Ohhhhh!!!
Then let's draw him whoring himself out... (wait)

It's unexpectedly fun to reread the novels after completing the character designs (explodes)
Thank you for reading everything up to this page ^ ^ I hope we'll get along in the future too~

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